



Welcome to the
Probate and Family Court
Department of the
Massachusetts Trial Court.

Many Probate and
Family Law matters
involve complex and
valuable legal rights.
You should always
speak with an attorney
before filing any papers.

LOOKING FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

This booklet
contains a list of
Lawyer Referral Services,
Free Legal Resources and
Legal Aid Agencies in

FRANKLIN COUNTY

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES

LEGAL
RESOURCES
The
Massachusetts
Trial Court
provides free
legal resources

MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced
fee panel.

Call (617) 654-0400 or (800) 392-6164

e-mail: lrs@massbar.org

To register online, visit
www.massbar.org/lawhelp/

BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced fee panel.
Serves mainly Greater Boston, inside Route 495, but will
provide referrals throughout Massachusetts.

Call (617) 742-0625 or e-mail: lrs@bostonbar.org

For more information, visit
www.bostonbar.org/lrs/index

FRANKLIN COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys in Franklin County.

Call (413) 773-9839

MASSACHUSETTS JUDICIAL BRANCH WEB SITE

The official web site of the Judicial Branch includes
judicial profiles, addresses, phone numbers and
directions for courthouses as well as other useful
information about the Trial Court. Click on
www.state.ma.us/courts

FRANKLIN LAW LIBRARY

Courthouse, 425 Main Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

The Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries are open to
the public, providing legal reference services and legal
research assistance. The library is open from 8:30 a.m. to
4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ask at the Registry of
Probate for the Law Libraries pamphlet which provides
more details. Call (413) 772-6580 or visit the Law Libraries
web site www.lawlib.state.ma.us

Free
resources
offered by the
Massachusetts
Bar Association

LEGAL SERVICE AGENCIES

These resources
are available
only to very
low income and
elderly
individuals

TEL-LAW

Tel-Law is a collection of recorded messages designed to answer basic questions about the law. Tel-Law is fully automated and you can access it 24 hours/day by calling (617) 338-0669. (Toll charges may apply)

WEB SITE

The MBA's web site offers answers to basic legal questions. Point your browser to www.massbar.org

DIAL-A-LAWYER

The first Wednesday of every month you can get free legal help, by telephone, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Lawyer volunteers staff phones to answer your questions.

Call (617) 338-0610

FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ADVOCATES

Provides referrals to private attorneys to represent low income children, elders and victims of domestic violence in Franklin County.

Call (413) 773-9839

MASSACHUSETTS JUSTICE PROJECT

57 Suffolk Street, Suite 401
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 533-2660 or (800) 639-1209

Provides initial intake, advice or brief service in domestic relations cases. Refers eligible clients to legal service programs and pro bono attorneys.

VOLUNTEER LAWYER SERVICE

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Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 533-2660 or (800) 639-1209

Private attorneys represent qualifying indigent clients on domestic relations issues at no cost. Attorneys will provide advice or full representation.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS LEGAL SERVICES

55 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
For intake, call (413) 533-2660 or (800) 639-1209

Provides advice and direct representation in divorce, assistance to preserve existing child custody arrangements, protection from domestic violence and problems with DSS where there is no appointed counsel. Clinic for no fault divorces.

LEGAL ADVOCACY & RESOURCE CENTER

Provides telephone information, pro se assistance and referrals to legal service agencies.
Intake hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Call (800) 342-5297